RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know what the Government mean by the words 'such holidays' ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Onam holidays.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : I infer that Government have classified the holidays into various kinds or else the words 'such holidays' will have no place there. May I know from the member under which classification the Onam holidays are included ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer simply means that Onam holidays cannot be increased.

The Aykad Bridge.

64. ✱**MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*) : With reference to the answer to question No. 31 in the last Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the action taken by them or the Chief Engineer after the receipt of the estimate and plans for the construction of the Aykad bridge on the Chengannur-Kozhenchery road, submitted by the Division Officer, Quilon, to the Chief Engineer; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) The Chief Engineer inspected the site of the bridge and proposed a slight deviation of the site from that proposed by the Division Officer. Consequently the estimate and plans received from the Division Officer have to be revised suitably. This is being done by the Chief Engineer.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Appointments in the Registration Department.

65. ✱**MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of candidates that passed in the Registration Entrance Examination held in the years 1095 and 1096 M. E.

(*b*) the number of passed candidates employed hitherto in Government service ; and

(*c*) the number of passed candidates who have not hitherto been employed or who are for the time being without any Government service ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) The Registration Entrance Examination was conducted in the years 1094 and 1095. No examination was held subsequently. The number of candidates that passed in those years was 277.

(*b*) 148 persons have been permanently appointed in the department. 41 candidates still remain in the waiting list of acting clerks of the department of whom five are temporary clerks, six are acting in long vacancies and others are acting off and on.

(*c*) Exact information is not available.

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